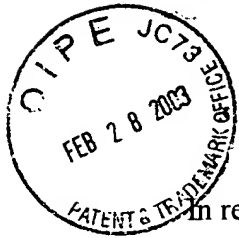


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

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Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. patent applications which have been commonly assigned with this application:


U.S. Application No. 09/448,593, filed November 24, 1999, Matsuo, T. et al.

U.S. Application No. 09/442,992, filed November 19, 1999, Sasaki, Y., et al.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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